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1. In Par 3 of EGNA-123 I reported that the BfV made a half-hearted attempt to elicit information from me about American interest in recruiting German radio operators. FHQB was rather disturbed and wondered how the BfV knew about these recruiting activities. It would certainly have been unwise for me to question the BfV on this subject without showing my hand, which was out of the question.

2. Upon receipt of EGNA-01248 (copies attached for EE, FHQB and POB), it immediately dawned on me that the source for the BfV's knowledge of our recruiting attempts could only have been Hans von QADOW. There is no doubt in my mind that when the BfV hired QADOW he made a full confession of his former activities in the WRINKLE project. Not being familiar with this project, I cannot tell how much QADOW knew of the overall operation.

3. Hans von QADOW was hired by the BfV for the specific purpose of setting up a field office (Bundesnachrichtenstelle - BUNAST or BNS) in Kassel for the penetration of the Sovzone border (see Par 7, EGNA-472). His immediate target is to establish close liaison with the Federal Border Police and customs guards who will feed him with legal or illegal border crossers to be recruited for intelligence missions inside the Sovzone. Such a BfV field office already exists at Hannover and, in addition to Kassel, similar BUNASTS are contemplated for Luebeck and Bayreuth. The BfV has also approached the French liaison officer with the proposal to establish a BUNAST on the German-French border to catch communist couriers.

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


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